



{In Archive} Re: Fw: Hawaii USCG/EPA POC's and today's article on the incident

Stephen Tyahla to: HarryL Allen

01/14/2011 10:51 PM

Cc: Bret Moxley, Daniel Meer, Terrence Johnson, terence.corpus,  
Arlene Kabei

Bcc: Steve Armann

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Got it.

Thanks. I spoke with Bret and we'll muster at the HNL airport mid-day Saturday (HI time).

(Sent from my iPhone.)

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-----HarryL Allen/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: Bret Moxley/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Stephen Tyahla/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Terrence Johnson/LV/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: HarryL Allen/R9/USEPA/US  
Date: 01/14/2011 10:39PM  
Cc: terence.corpus@doh.hawaii.gov, Daniel Meer/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject: Fw: Hawaii USCG/EPA POC's and today's article on the incident

Here are some contacts for the beach issue (below) - I don't have the landfill contacts or contacts for DOH's Mike Tsuji.

For your convenience - here are  
Terry Corpus, SOSC

808-306-0737

Bret Moxley, FOSC

415-971-7720

Terrence Johnson, EPA ERT

702-496-0703

----- Forwarded by HarryL Allen/R9/USEPA/US on 01/14/2011 10:16 PM -----

From: Lance Richman/R9/USEPA/US  
To: HarryL Allen/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/14/2011 05:19 PM

Subject: Hawaii USCG/EPA POC's and today's article on the incident

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Harry: POC and recent news.

Wendy Wiltse: [REDACTED] (EPA)

Petty Officer Stone: [REDACTED] (deployed to recon. the site this PM)  
Sector Hono Command Post [REDACTED]

Wastewater  
discharge from  
Waimanalo  
Gulch landfill  
continues

By  
Star-Advertiser  
Staff

POSTED: 09:19  
a.m. HST, Jan  
14, 2011

Ko Olina  
beaches remain  
closed today as  
the city's landfill  
operator  
continues to  
release  
rainwater from  
the Waimanalo  
Gulch Sanitary  
Landfill into the  
storm drainage  
system, which  
flows into the  
ocean.

The Honolulu  
Department of  
Environmental  
Services says  
the  
"unprecedented  
series of heavy  
rain events over  
the last week"  
prompted the  
decision to have  
Waste



Management,  
the landfill  
operator,  
discharge the  
water over  
several days.

The storm  
drains  
discharge into  
the ocean  
between Ko  
Olina and the  
Kahe Power  
Plant.

The state  
Health  
Department  
said there was  
an uncontrolled  
release of  
stormwater  
Wednesday  
night and  
refuse, including  
medical waste,  
washed ashore  
at the Ko Olina  
Lagoons. The  
city has posted  
warning signs  
and water  
samples are  
being collected.

"After having  
numerous and  
ongoing  
discussions with  
various  
branches of the  
state  
Department of  
Health over the  
past several  
days, the  
decision was  
made to release  
the stormwater  
today, given the  
lack of feasible  
alternatives,"  
the city said in a  
news release.

"The city will

continue to meet with its operator to discuss the discharge, to ensure compliance with all applicable permits and laws, and will investigate the accumulation of stormwater as well as the possible presence of sterilized medical waste," the city said.

The flooded cell where the rainwater has collected last received waste on December 18 and was covered at the end of the day in conformance with Waste Management's permit, the city said.

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{In Archive} Re: City Managing Director Press Conf 3:30 pm

Stephen Tyahla to: Arlene Kabei

Cc: Dean Higuchi, "Jeff Scott"

01/17/2011 06:29 PM

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Roger that.

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-----Arlene Kabei/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----

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To: Stephen Tyahla/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Dean Higuchi/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: Arlene Kabei/R9/USEPA/US  
Date: 01/17/2011 04:23PM  
Cc: "Jeff Scott" <scott.jeff@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: City Managing Director Press Conf 3:30 pm  
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Steve and Dean,

With Brett now gone, plz be sure and do not hesitate, to incl the fuller list of cck'ers in your updates from here out, as the topic or update deserves. Use your judgment, of course. If it's just coordination between you, no need. When in doubt, plz error on the side of more info is better than less. For example, it might be desirable just to let others know as an FYI that the City Manager toured the site. Suggest you take the email distribution list that Brett and Harry had been using the last several days. At min, it should incl Jeff, Keith, HarryL Allen, Alexis, Nancy Marvel, Dustin Minor, Kathleen Johnson. I appreciate you emailing me but at this point, assume you do not work for me or Armann, but rather, the Region. Call me with any questions, ok?

THANKS!

----- Original Message -----

From: Stephen Tyahla  
Sent: 01/17/2011 05:58 PM PST  
To: Dean Higuchi  
Cc: Bret Moxley; Steve Armann; Arlene Kabei; Wendy Wiltse  
Subject: Re: City Managing Director Press Conf 3:30 pm

Thanks. Awesome.

I just got off the phone with Wendy. I'll be coming into your office at 0930 tomorrow. Can download you on status, although e-mail traffic might beat me to it.

My objectives for next two days are to observe, monitor, and support Bret.

Mahalo,

(Sent from my iPhone: [REDACTED].)

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-----Dean Higuchi/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----

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To: Stephen Tyahla/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: Dean Higuchi/R9/USEPA/US  
Date: 01/17/2011 03:36PM  
Subject: Re: City Managing Director Press Conf 3:30 pm  
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Thanks for the update, cell is [REDACTED] in case something comes up. Be in the office tomorrow morning.....I gotta check if you were on the news clip list I was sending out since Friday.....will forward to you if you weren't on the list.

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-----Stephen Tyahla/R9/USEPA/US wrote: -----

To: Dean Higuchi/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
From: Stephen Tyahla/R9/USEPA/US  
Date: 01/17/2011 03:28PM  
Cc: Bret Moxley/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Steve Armann/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Arlene Kabei/R9/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject: City Managing Director Press Conf 3:30 pm

Dean, I left you avm, but don't have your cell.

I spoke with Wilma Namumnart minutes ago. At around noon today the City's Managing Director toured the landfill. I nor any other from EPA 9 were there.

Per Wilma, it went well. She informed me that the Managing Director (MD) is holding a press conference at 3:30 HI time (10 minutes from now).

Wilma said that, at the tour MD wanted to sprsk with someone from EPA. Wilma e-mailed me to call, which I did and got this info. Prior to mu calling they reached Terrence Johnson (with our ERT) and apparently that answered the mail. (btw my cell number was left on a list at LF today so I can't figure why she couldn't find my number.)

Anyway, all FYI.

I'm here to monitor things through end Wed, on pland to SFO Thursday. Please include me in relevant communications. And my cell is ~~415-205-9075~~

Mahalo!

(Sent from my iPhone.)

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